

REMARKS

The claims are claims 1, 5, 13 and 17.

Claims 1, 5, 13 and 17 are amended. Claims 4, 16 and 25 are newly canceled. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 4. Claim 5 is rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of prior base claim 1. Claim 13 is amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 16. Claim 17 is rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of prior base claim 13.

Paragraph 9.1 of the FINAL REJECTION of December 21, 2005 stated that claims 4, 5, 16 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 corresponds to claim 4 rewritten in independent form. Claim 13 corresponds to claim 16 rewritten in independent form. Claims 5 and 17 have been rewritten into independent form incorporating the limitations of respective prior base claims 1 and 13. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 13 and 17 are allowable.

The Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this amendment. Entry of this amendment is proper at this time because the amendment serves only to clarify subject matter previously recited. Thus no new search or reconsideration is required.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early entry of this amendment, reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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